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Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling from Hart-Teeter for NBC News and *The Wall Street Journal*. We're conducting a confidential poll of public opinion across the country. Of the people living in your household who are at least 18 years old, including those who are not home right now, can you tell me who had the most recent birthday? (IF PERSON DOESN'T KNOW ALL THE BIRTHDAYS, SAY:) Well, of the ones you do know, who had the last birthday? May I speak to that person please? (IF PERSON WITH MOST RECENT BIRTHDAY IS NOT HOME, FIND OUT WHEN HE/SHE WILL RETURN AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO CALL BACK.)

(IF RESPONDENT INDICATES THAT HE/SHE IS THE ONE WITH THE MOST RECENT BIRTHDAY, SAY:) Here is my first question. (PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO QUESTION #1--DO NOT PAUSE.)

(IF RESPONDENT INDICATES THAT HE/SHE IS NOT THE ONE TO HAVE THE MOST RECENT BIRTHDAY, ASK TO SPEAK TO THE PERSON WHO DID. AFTER RESPONDENT COMES TO THE PHONE, SAY:)

Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling from Hart-Teeter for NBC News and *The Wall Street Journal*. We're conducting a confidential poll of public opinion across the country. Are you at least 18 years old and the person with the most recent birthday of all the adults living in this household? (IF "YES," SAY:) Here is my first question. (PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO QUESTION #1--DO NOT PAUSE.)

1. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Yes	10	CONTINUE	[14]
	0		
No	-	TERMINATE	
.		AND	
Not sure	-	DO NOT COUNT	
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2. All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

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Right direction	40	42	47	44	49	41	42	[15]
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Wrong track	37	38	32	31	29	35	34	

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Mixed (VOL)	18	16	13	20	17	19	19
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Not sure	5	4	8	5	5	5	5

3a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George Bush is doing as president?

	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
Approve	67	72	75	69	71	67	67	[18]
Disapprove	22	21	15	19	19	22	17	
Not sure	11	7	10	12	10	11	16	

3b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job George Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
Approve	48	51	59	53	54	52	61	[19]
Disapprove	41	40	30	35	31	33	24	
Not sure	11	9	11	12	15	15	15	

3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
Approve	67	67	70	67	69	59	58	[20]
Disapprove	22	25	22	22	21	27	26	
Not sure	11	8	8	11	10	14	16	

- 4a. What would you say are the **two or three most important** issues or problems facing the nation today that you personally would like to see the federal government in Washington do something about? (**DO NOT READ CHOICES. ACCEPT NO MORE THAN THREE RESPONSES. BE SURE TO CLASSIFY PROPERLY. IF UNSURE, WRITE RESPONSES BELOW. IF "ECONOMY," PROBE FOR SPECIFICS.**)

ECONOMY

Economy generally	1	[22]
..	2	
Farm problems, agriculture, drought	1	
Inflation, prices	2	
..		
Interest rates	1	
Jobs, unemployment	1	
.	1	
New industry needed	-	
Savings and loan industry	5	
Trade, imports	3	
.		
Wages, better jobs	2	

FOREIGN POLICY/DEFENSE

Central America	1	[23]
Defense spending--cut defense budget	3	
Defense--strengthen	1	
..		
Eastern Europe	-	
Foreign aid--reduce	4	
.		
Foreign policy	4	
Improve Soviet relations	1	
..		
War; keep peace; nuclear arms race	3	

TAXES/GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Budget deficit	2	[24]
..	1	
Government waste, mismanagement	4	
Taxes--too high	9	
Taxes--unfair	3	
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Welfare abuse	3	
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SOCIAL PROGRAMS

AIDS	4	[25]
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Child care, day care	2	
Education, schools	1	
	3	
Elderly	5	
.		

Health care, costs	8	
.		
Homelessness	2	
.	4	
Housing	3	
.		
Poverty/social services	6	
..		
Social Security/senior citizens	4	

OTHER DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

Abortion--pro-choice	3	[26]
..		
Abortion--pro-life	4	
Censorship/limiting free speech .	-	
..		
Crime	6	
..		
Drugs	2	
.	5	
Environment, pollution, toxic wastes	1	
	1	

Page burning	1
Government corruption	1
Gun control--against	1
..	
Gun control-- for	1
Morality/values	1
..	
Racism	2
.	
Unfair court system	1
Other (SPECIFY:)	

_____	5	[27]
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None/not sure	3	SKIP TO Q.5a.
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- 4b. Of the issues you just mentioned, which one do you consider to be the most important? (ALLOW ONLY ONE RESPONSE. RECORD BELOW.)

ECONOMY

Economy generally	6	[29]
..		
Farm problems, agriculture, drought	-	
Inflation, prices	1	
..		
Interest rates	-	
Jobs, unemployment	5	
.		
New industry needed	-	
Savings and loan industry	1	
Trade, imports	1	
.		
Wages, better jobs	1	

FOREIGN POLICY/DEFENSE

Central America	-	[30]
Defense spending--cut defense budget	1	
Defense--strengthen	-	
..		
Eastern Europe	-	
Foreign aid--reduce	1	
.		
Foreign policy	1	
Improve Soviet relations	-	
..		
War; keep peace; nuclear arms race	1	

TAXES/GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Budget deficit	1	[31]
..	2	
Government waste, mismanagement	2	
Taxes--too high	3	
Taxes--unfair	1	
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Welfare abuse	1	
.		

SOCIAL PROGRAMS

AIDS	1	[32]
.		
Child care, day care	1	
Education, schools	6	
Elderly	2	
.		
Health care, costs	3	
.		
Homelessness	9	
.		
Housing	1	
.		
Poverty/social services	2	
..		
Social Security/senior citizens	2	

OTHER DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

Abortion--pro-choice	1	[33]
..		
Abortion--pro-life	2	
Censorship/limiting free speech	-	
..		
Crime	2	
..		
Drugs	1	
.	3	
Environment, pollution, toxic wastes	6	
Flag burning	1	

Government corruption	1
Gun control--against	-
..	
Gun control--for	-
Morality/values	1
..	
Racism	1
.	

Other (SPECIFY:)

_____	2	[34]
None/not sure	2	
.		
No most important issues	3	

- 5a. I'm going to read you the names of several people who are active in politics. I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name of a person, please just say so. (READ EACH NAME AND REPEAT CHOICES. START FROM THE BOTTOM AND WORK YOUR WAY UP ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

	Very Positive	Somewha t Positive	Neutr al	Somewha t Negative	Very Negativ e	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
George Bush	26	42	16	10	5	1	[36]
May 1990	28	40	15	11	5	1	
March 1990	32	37	15	10	5	1	
December 1989	28	33	21	11	5	2	
November 1989	24	38	17	11	8	2	
Marion Barry	1	5	13	14	47	20	[37]
Mikhail Gorbachev	22	43	17	8	5	5	
May 1990	19	40	19	10	6	6	
December 1989	15	36	26	11	6	6	
November 1989	13	41	20	10	8	8	
Dan Quayle	6	22	33	16	14	9	
May 1990	7	22	29	18	19	5	
March 1990	7	21	28	17	19	8	
November 1989	7	22	26	17	21	7	
Boris Yeltsin	2	10	14	5	3	66	[40]
Donald Trump	3	11	28	25	24	9	[41]
Nelson Mandela	27	25	19	10	9	10	[42]

- 5b. Which one of the following foreign leaders do you most admire? (READ LIST SLOWLY. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE. START FROM BOTTOM ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

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Mikhail Gorbachev	2	[43]
.	9	
Nelson Mandela	1	
.	9	
Margaret Thatcher	3	
..	0	
Lech	1	
Walesa	4	
All equally	1	
(VOL)		
None	3	
(VOL)		
Not sure	4	

- 6a. Considering the recent events in South Africa and Nelson Mandela's visit to the United States, do you think the U.S. should continue its sanctions on the government of South Africa, decrease them, or remove them altogether?

Continue sanctions	48	[44]
Decrease sanctions	15	
Remove sanctions	16	
Increase sanctions (VOL)	5	
Not sure	16	

- 6b. President Bush said that the United States would not give aid to the African National Congress (ANC) until they reject their policy of armed conflict. Nelson Mandela says we should give them aid now because the South African government uses armed conflict against the ANC. Do you think we should or should not give the ANC aid now?

Should give aid now	3 2	[45]
Should not give aid now	5 4	
Not sure	1 4	

7. Do you feel the United States should or should not help the Soviet Union in strengthening its economy?

	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>12/89</u>	
Should	38	38	45	[46]
Should not	45	50	40	
Depends (VOL)	11	6	8	
Not sure	6	6	7	

- 8a. How much interest do you have in the upcoming election for U.S. Congress in your district--a great deal, quite a bit, just some, very little, or none at all?

Great deal	2 3	[47]
Quite a bit	2 2	
Just some	3 4	
Very little	1 6	
None at all	3	
Not sure	2	

- 8b. Looking ahead to the upcoming election for U.S. Congress, do you plan to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district?

	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
Vote for the Republican candidate .	33	34	25	26	27	29	[48]
Vote for the Democratic candidate .	36	33	34	31	32	32	
Depends (VOL)	17	22	29	33	28	24	
Neither (VOL)	2	1	2	2	1	1	
Not sure	12	10	10	8	12	14	

- 9a. Over the past year, do you think the national economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
Better	11	11	12	13	12	15	18	[49]
..								
Worse	37	36	30	37	29	34	23	
.								
About the same	51	52	56	48	57	49	57	
.								
Not sure	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	

- 9b. During the next year, do you think the national economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
Better	20	22	24	21	22	21	25	[50]
..								
Worse	33	32	29	30	28	33	23	
.								
About the same	40	41	42	44	44	39	43	
.								
Not sure	7	5	5	5	6	7	9	

- 9c. Do you think there will or will not be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>		
Will be an economic recession . . .	25	30	23	30	31	ASK	[51]
Will not be an economic recession	49	57	64	56	56	Q.9d.	
Not sure	26	13	13	14	13	SKIP TO Q.10a.	

9d. Why do you feel that way? (PROBE:) What makes you feel there (will/will not) be a recession?

Will Not Be A Recession

The economy is in better shape, stable, improving.....23%
 I'm an optimist, I hope it won't happen 8
 There are more jobs available 5
 President Bush and his cabinet are doing
 a good job 5
 There will be a recession, but not
 in next twelve months 5

Will Be A Recession

The economy is in bad shape; things are bad, going
 in the wrong direction 8%
 Unemployment is high 5
 Prices are too high 4
 Unfavorable impressions of the way the budget
 deficit is being handled 4

 Don't know; not sure 5%

10a. I'd like to read you a list of economic issues. As of right now, which one do you feel is the most important issue facing the country? (READ LIST SLOWLY. START FROM BOTTOM AND WORK YOUR WAY UP ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW. ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER AND RECORD BELOW UNDER Q.10a.)

	<u>7/90</u>		<u>5/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>9/89</u>
Inflation.	8	[61]	9	13	12	12
..						
Unemployment.	21		22	20	23	23
.						
Interest rates.	4		5	5	4	4
The federal budget deficit.	37		35	30	29	32
Federal taxes.	9		9	7	7	8
The U.S. trade deficit.	14		14	17	18	15
..						
All equally important (VOL).	6	SKIP TO Q.11a	4	6	5	4
.						
None is important (VOL).	-		1	1	-	-
Not sure.	1		1	1	2	2

10b. And which of these is the second most important? (READ REMAINING CHOICES AND RECORD ABOVE UNDER Q.10b.)

	<u>7/90</u>		<u>5/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>9/89</u>
Inflation.	16	[62]	17	17	16	14
..						
Unemployment.	15		13	18	16	15
.						

Interest rates.	Study 4007page 25	7	7	7	7
The federal budget deficit.	17	16	18	20	19
Federal taxes.	16	14	12	11	13
The U.S. trade deficit.	20	25	17	20	22
..					
Not sure	1	2	3	3	4
No most important issue	7	6	8	7	6
..					

- 11a. Thinking about your personal financial situation in the past three months, have you found it to be a period in which you have been cutting down on purchases and other spending, have you been increasing your purchases and other spending during the past three months, or has there been little change over the past three months?

	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u> *	
Cutting down	41	41	45	41	[63]
Increasing	14	15	13	16	
Little change	44	43	42	42	
Not sure/refused	1	1	-	1	

- 11b. Thinking about your personal financial situation in the past three months, have you found it to be a period in which you have been cutting down on savings and other investments, have you been increasing your savings and other investments during the past three months, or has there been little change over the past three months?

	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u> *	
Cutting down	25	24	25	29	[65]
Increasing	21	23	20	23	
Little change	53	52	54	47	
Not sure/refused	1	1	1	1	

* In January 1990, these questions read "in the past year."

Now, I'd like to ask you a few questions about taxes.

- 12a. From what you have seen and read recently, how likely do you think it is that federal taxes will have to be raised this year--very likely, somewhat likely, not that likely, or not likely at all?

	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	
Very likely	57	51	[66]
Somewhat likely.	31	38	
Not that likely.	5	6	
Not likely at all.	4	4	
Not sure	3	1	

- 12b. One of President Bush's promises was that he would not raise taxes. Do you think he should keep that promise, or do you think conditions have changed and there are some things for which he should now support a tax increase?

	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	
Should not raise taxes	46	48	57	55	[67]

Should raise taxes	Study 4007	page 25	39	38
.	50	48		
Not sure	4	4	4	7

12c. From what you have seen and read recently, do you feel that President Bush is breaking his pledge of "no new taxes?"

	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	
Yes	67	51	[68]
No	28	42	
.			
Not sure	5	7	

12d. If the choice comes down to the following options, which would you prefer--living with the current federal budget deficit or raising taxes?

	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	
Living with the current federal budget deficit	40	43	[69]
Raising taxes	49	49	
Not sure	11	8	

13a. Let us suppose the government needed to raise taxes. For each of the following, please tell me if you would favor or oppose raising that tax. (READ AND ITEM AND REPEAT CHOICES. START FROM THE BOTTOM AND WORK YOUR WAY UP ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Raising the tax on gasoline.	38	59	3	[71]
May 1990	44	55	1	
January 1990	26	72	2	
Increasing by one percent the income tax rate for all individuals.	42	55	3	[72]
Enacting a national sales tax.	29	65	6	[73]
May 1990	43	54	3	
January 1990	31	65	4	
Increasing the income tax rate for upper income individuals	76	20	4	[74]
Increasing the tax rate on corporations	70	24	6	[75]
Raising alcohol and tobacco taxes	78	20	2	[76]
May 1990	83	16	1	
January 1990	78	20	2	
Enacting a tax of half of one percent on the sale of stocks and bonds.	49	40	11	[77]

13b. If taxes are raised, who do you think will be mostly to blame--the administration of President Bush, the administration of Former President Reagan, or the Democrats in Congress?

	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	
The administration of President Bush .	21	16	[78]
The administration of Former President	28	36	

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Democrats in Congress	26	30
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All equally (VOL)	14	10
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None of them (VOL)	5	3
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Not sure	6	5
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13c. If President Bush agrees to go along with a federal budget deficit reduction proposal that includes a tax increase, would you think more of him, less of him, or would it make no difference in how you feel about him?

	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	
Would think more of him	14	12	[79]
..			
Would think less of him	18	17	
..			
Would make no difference	65	69	
Not sure	3	2	

14a. Do you favor or oppose a constitutional amendment to make it illegal to burn or deface the American flag?

Favor	5	[80]
.	7	
Oppose	3	
.	8	
Not sure	5	

14b. Do you favor or oppose a law to ban the sale of assault weapons and semiautomatic rifles?

Favor	7	[82]
.	3	
Oppose	2	
.	3	
Not sure	4	

15a. Which of these positions best represents your views about abortion? (READ NUMBER AND CHOICES SLOWLY. REPEAT IF NECESSARY.)

1) The choice on abortion should be left up to the woman and her doctor	5	[83]
	7	
2) Abortion should be legal only in cases where pregnancy results from rape or incest, or when the life of the mother is at risk	3	
	3	
3) Abortion should be illegal in all circumstances	8	
..		
Not sure	2	
..		

15b. Do you personally believe abortion is wrong?

	<u>7/90</u>	<u>4/89</u>	<u>1/89</u>	<u>10/88</u>	<u>2/84</u>	<u>8/82</u>	
Yes	52	49	54	50	55	49	[84]
No	40	44	39	40	38	44	
.							
Not sure	8	7	7	10	7	7	

15c. Do you think abortion should be illegal, or not?

<u>7/90</u>	<u>4/89</u>	<u>1/89</u>	<u>10/88</u>	<u>2/84</u>	<u>8/82</u>
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Yes	Study 4007 32	30	34	31	36	31	[85]
No	60	64	61	61	58	62	
Not sure	8	6	5	8	6	7	

15d. Would you favor or oppose a law that requires notifying parents prior to allowing an abortion for a girl under the age of eighteen?

	<u>7/90</u>	Yankelovich, Skelly & White <u>9/81*</u>	
Favor	75	78	[86]
Oppose	21	18	
Not sure	4	4	

* Should a girl who is under 18 years of age have to notify her parent before she can have an abortion?

15e. Do you think it is wrong for a couple to have sexual relations before they are married?

	<u>7/90</u>	Gallup <u>9/78</u>	
Yes, wrong	33	50	[87]
No, not wrong.	60	41	
Not sure	7	9	

16a. Do you think music with obscenities or other offensive materials should be--(READ NUMBER AND EACH CHOICE).

1) Banned	2	[88]
2) Rated and restricted like movies	5	
3) Sold without any restrictions . . .	1	
Not sure	3	

16b. The government gives financial aid to artists through the National Endowment for the Arts. Some people think there should not be any restrictions on this aid to protect the artists' freedom of expression. Others think there should be restrictions against giving this aid to artists who produce work that some people consider obscene. Which do you agree with?

Should not be restrictions	3	[90]
Should be restrictions.	5	
Not sure	8	

17a. Recently there has been some discussion about whether a terminally ill individual has the right to take his or her own life. Do you think a terminally ill individual should or should not have the right to take his or her own life?*

Should have right	6	[91]
Should not have right	5	
Depends on circumstances (VOL)	2	
Not sure	1	
	9	
	5	

* Research and Forecasts for American Board of Family Practice (1/85): In your opinion, does a terminally ill person and /or one who is permanently bedridden and kept alive by medical machinery have the right to request to be allowed to die?

Absolutely yes.....	58
Yes, if medical opinions agree that the case is hopeless	22
Yes, if medical expenses are burdening the family	2
Yes, if tax dollars are being spent to keep the patient alive	1
No, it is religiously and ethically wrong	3
No, where there is life there is hope	4
Positively no.....	2
Don't know	5
No answer	2

17b. Do you think a family member should or should not be able to make the decision to terminate life support systems on a terminally ill patient who is in a coma?

	<u>7/90</u>	Louis Harris & Associates <u>4/81</u> *	
Should be able to decide.	68	73	[92]
Should not be able to decide	15	23	
Depends on circumstances (VOL)	13	-	
Not sure	4	4	

* There have been cases where a patient is terminally ill, in a coma and not conscious with no cure in sight.

Do you think that the family of such a patient ought to be able to tell doctors to remove all life-support services and let the patient die, or do you think this is wrong?

18a. Do you work with people or have friends or family who are gay?

Yes	3	[93]
No	6	
Not sure	3	

18b. When it comes to the issue of funding AIDS research and the treatment of AIDS patients, which statement comes closer to your point of view? (READ EACH CHOICE SLOWLY. REPEAT IF NECESSARY.)

Statement A: The federal government should continue to make AIDS research and treatment a top priority with both time and money we spend on it	7 8	[94]
Statement B: The federal government should reduce the time and money we spend on AIDS research and treatment and put it into other diseases	1 7	
Not sure	5	

19a. Congress is considering a law that would require companies to give employees up to three months of unpaid leave for the birth or adoption of a child, or to care for a seriously ill family member, while protecting their job. Would you favor or oppose this law, even if it means additional costs for business?

	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	
Favor	71	69	[95]
Oppose	24	26	
Not sure	5	5	

19b. Do you favor or oppose the death penalty?

Favor	7	[96]
Oppose	2	
Not sure	9	

20a. Let me read you a series of issues that are often discussed in political campaigns. For each one, I would like you to rate a candidate who takes that position, using a scale of 0 to 10, on which a 0 means you would never vote for someone with that position and a 10 means you would definitely vote for someone with that position. You may select any number. If you do not care about an issue, just say so. What number would you choose for a candidate who (READ POSITION)? (RECORD BELOW AND CONTINUE WITH LIST. IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT CARE ABOUT A POSITION, RECORD AN "*." IF RESPONDENT CANNOT RATE A POSITION, RECORD AN "?." START FROM BOTTOM ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

	<u>% Saying "10"</u>	
Favors an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting all abortions	15	[97]
Favors an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the burning of the American flag	42	[98]
Favors the death penalty	42	[99]
Favors the unpaid leave bill that would protect workers' jobs while caring for a child or terminally ill family member.	36	[100]
Favors decisions that protect the wildlife even when it means a loss of jobs	20	[101]
Favors a bill to ban the sale of semiautomatic weapons	45	[102]
Favors increasing taxes to reduce the federal budget deficit	17	[103]

20b. Now, let me read you some specific issues. Please tell me which party better represents your views on the issue of (READ ITEM)--the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, both about the same, or neither? (REPEAT FOR EACH ITEM LISTED BELOW. START FROM BOTTOM ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

	<u>Democrati</u> <u>c</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Both</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>Sure</u>	
Abortion	27	20	17	18	18	[104]]
Family leave policy	34	15	12	10	29	[105]]
Protecting wildlife	28	15	19	12	26	[106]]
Gun control	26	25	15	10	24	[107]]
The death penalty	18	29	16	11	26	[108]]
Holding down taxes	25	34	11	14	16	[109]]
Passing a constitutional amendment on flag burning . . .	23	29	16	11	21	[110]]

Now, I'd like to ask you a few questions about the savings and loan industry.

21a. Overall, how important is the savings and loan issue to you--extremely important, quite important, just somewhat important, or not very important?

Extremely important	2	[111]
..	9	
Quite important	2	
..	5	
Just somewhat important	2	
	6	
Not very important	1	
	7	
Not sure	3	

21b. Who do you feel is most responsible for the savings and loan problems--President Bush, Former President Reagan, the Congress, or the owners of the savings and loan industry? (MULTIPLE RESPONSE ACCEPTED. READ LIST SLOWLY. START FROM BOTTOM ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

President Bush	3	[113]
..		
Former President Reagan	2	
..	0	
Congress	1	
..	4	
Owners of the savings and loan industry . .	5	
	2	
Everyone equally (VOL)	7	
..	9	
Not sure		
..		

21c. Do you approve or disapprove of the job George Bush is doing in handling the savings and loan problem?

Approve	3	[114]
.	8	
Disapprove	3	
..	7	
Not sure	2	
	5	

21d. Which party do you feel is more responsible for the savings and loan problems facing the country--the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

The Democratic Party	1	[115]
	7	
The Republican Party	3	
..	9	
Both equally (VOL)	1	
.	5	
Neither (VOL)	8	
.	2	
Not sure	1	
.		

21e. Which party do you trust more to determine the best way to handle the savings and loan problem--the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

The Democratic Party	30	[116]
The Republican Party	31	
Both equally (VOL)	6	
Neither (VOL)	17	
Not sure	16	

22a. In order to pay for the bailout of the savings and loan industry, the government will need to raise as much as \$100 billion in additional money. In your view, which is the best way to raise the money--(READ CHOICES BELOW. REPEAT IF NECESSARY.)

Raise personal income taxes	6	[117]
Borrow the money and add to the federal budget deficit	7	
Impose a tax on all S&L and bank deposits	29	
Raise other kinds of taxes	30	
All equally (VOL)	2	
None of these (VOL)	14	
Not sure	12	

22b. Let me read you some suggestions people have made about dealing with the savings and loan situation. For each, please tell me if you favor or oppose this suggestion. (READ CHOICES. RECORD BELOW.)

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppos e</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Appointing a special prosecutor to investigate the savings and loan industry	79	13	8	[119]
Reducing the federal insurance guarantee for personal deposits to less than the current \$100,000	32	57	11	[120]
Getting rid of savings and loans entirely by requiring them to become regular commercial banks	43	42	15	[121]
Doubling the number of federal auditors examining the books of all savings and loans	60	30	10	[122]

Now, I'd like to ask you a few questions about race relations.

23a. How would you characterize the relationship between white people and (READ GROUP LISTED BELOW)--very good, moderately good, in the middle, not so good, or poor? (RECORD BELOW AND CONTINUE WITH LIST. ROTATE ORDER ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

	<u>Very Good</u>	<u>Moderately Good</u>	<u>In The Middle</u>	<u>Not So Good</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Hispanics	5	25	35	19	7	9	[123]
Blacks	6	30	30	21	10	3	[124]
Asian-Americans	8	30	31	14	7	10	[125]

23b. For each of these three groups, please tell me how much contact you have with them either where you live, work, or shop--a lot, some, a little, or none at all. (READ GROUP AND RECORD BELOW. START FROM BOTTOM ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

	<u>A Lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>A Little</u>	<u>None At All</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Hispanics	26	23	29	21	1	[126]
Blacks	43	30	19	7	1	[127]
Asian-Americans	14	24	37	23	2	[128]

23c. For each of the following groups, please tell me if you feel they are receiving too many special advantages, receiving fair treatment, or if they are being discriminated against. How about (READ GROUP)--are they receiving special advantages, receiving fair treatment, or being discriminated against? (RECORD BELOW AND ASK FOR OTHER GROUPS. START FROM BOTTOM ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.).....

	<u>Special Advantages</u>	<u>Fair Treatment</u>	<u>Discriminated Against</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Hispanics	11	47	27	15	[129]
Blacks	14	43	36	7	[130]
Asian-Americans	14	48	21	17	[131]

23d. All in all, do you favor or oppose affirmative action programs in business for blacks, provided there are no rigid quotas?

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Favor	68	68	[132]
Oppose	18	23	
Not sure	14	9	

* All in all, do you favor or oppose affirmative action programs in industry for blacks, provided there are no rigid quotas?

24a. Over the course of the past five years, do you feel that race relations between blacks and whites have gotten better, worse, or stayed about the same?

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Better	37	[134]
Worse	22	
Stayed about the same	39	

..

Not sure 2

24b. Compared to 10 years ago, do you think blacks in America are a lot better off, a little better off, about the same, a little worse off, or a lot worse off?

A lot better off	2	[135]
. .	3	
A little better off	4	
	5	
About the same	1	
.	9	
A little worse off	8	
A lot worse off	2	
.		
Not sure	3	

Getting to the end of our survey:

*****QUESTIONS 25A AND 25B ARE EMBARGOED BY THE WALL STREET JOURNAL*****

25a. Currently almost one out of every three cars sold in America comes from a foreign automaker. Do you feel that foreign automobile manufacturers have been so successful because they have better cars, or because they have special advantages and rules that allow them an unfair advantage?

Better cars	4	[136]
.	7	
Special advantages	3	
. .	7	
Some of both (VOL)	8	
.		
Not sure	8	

25b. Are the cars in this household foreign or domestic automobiles?

Foreign	1	[137]
.	5	
Domestic	6	
. .	2	
Have both foreign and domestic (VOL)	2	
	0	
Do not have an automobile (VOL)	3	
Not sure	-	

26. Finally, if Donald Trump has to file for bankruptcy, will you be glad or sorry?

Glad	2	[138]
.	1	
Sorry	3	
.	4	
Neither/do not care (VOL)	4	
. .	1	
Not sure	4	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. Did you happen to vote in the 1988 presidential election? (IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote--George Bush, the Republican, or Michael Dukakis, the Democrat?

Didn't vote	7	[140]
George Bush	54	
Michael Dukakis	31	
Other candidate (VOL)	2	
Too young (VOL)	1	
Not sure	5	

F2. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong Democrat/Republican or a not very strong Democrat/Republican? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.")

(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly Independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat	1	[141]
Not strong Democrat	1	
Independent/lean Democrat . . .	9	
Strictly Independent	1	
Independent/lean Republican . .	5	
Not strong Republican	1	
Strong Republican	1	
Other	4	
Refused	2	
Don't know/nothing	1	

F3. In politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, very conservative, or haven't you thought much about it?

Very liberal	8	[142]
Somewhat	1	

liberal	Study 4007page 25	8
Moderate		2
.		8
Somewhat		2
conservative		5
Very		8
conservative		
No thoughts		1
.		1
Not sure		2
.		

F4. What is the last grade you completed in school?

Grade school	2	[144]
Some high school	7	
High school graduate	3	1
Some college, no degree	1	5
Vocational training, 2-year college.	1	1
4-year college/Bachelor's degree	2	1
Some postgraduate work, no degree	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work, Master's degree	8	
Doctoral degree/law degree	2	
Not sure	-	

F5. How old are you? (IF REFUSED, ASK:) Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

18-24	8	[145]
25-29	1	1
30-34	1	2
35-39	1	1
40-44	1	2
45-49	8	
50-54	7	
55-59	7	
60-64	7	
65 and over	1	7
Not sure/refused	-	

F6. What type of work do you do? (WRITE JOB DESCRIPTION IN SPACE BELOW.)

JOB DESCRIPTION: _____

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Professional/manager	2	[147]
..	1	
White collar worker	2	
..	5	
Blue collar worker	2	
.	3	
Farmer	1	
.		
Student	1	
.		
Homemaker	8	
.		
Retired	1	
.	8	
Unemployed	2	
..		
Never worked/not sure	1	

F7. Are you, or is any member of your household, a member of a labor union?

Labor union member	1	[148]
..	3	
Labor union household	7	
Non-union household	7	
	9	
Not sure	1	
.		

F8. What is your marital status--are you single and never married, married, separated, divorced, or widowed?

Single	1	[149]
..	9	
Married.	6	
.	2	
Separated	2	
..		
Divorced	8	
.		
Widowed	9	
.		
Not sure/refused	-	

F9a. How important is religion in your life--extremely important, very important, fairly important, not that important, or not important at all?

Extremely important	2	[150]
..	5	

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Very important	3	5
Fairly important	2	5
..		
Not that important	1	0
Not important at all	5	
..		
Not sure	-	

F9b. Would you say religion is more important, about as important, or less important to you today than it was to your parents when you were growing up?

More important	3	[152]
..	2	
About as important	3	
..	7	
Less important	3	
	0	
Not sure	1	

F9c. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant	4	SKIP TO Q.F10a.	[153]
..	3		
Catholic	2	ASK Q.F9d.	
.	8		
Jewish	3	SKIP TO Q.F10a.	
.			
Other	2		
.	2		
None	3		
.			
Not sure/refused	1		

(Catholics only)

F9d. Do you think Catholic politicians should or should not be excommunicated by the Church if they support abortion rights?

Should.	1	[154]
.	6	
Should not	7	
.	1	
Not sure	1	
	3	

F10a. Are you white, black, Hispanic, Asian, or something else?

White	8	SKIP TO Q.F11.	[155]
.	2		
Black	1	CONTINUE	
.	1		
Hispanic.	4	SKIP TO Q.F11.	
.			
Asian	-		
.			
Other.	1		
.			
Not sure/refused	2		

(Questions F10b, F10c, F10d Blacks only)

F10b. When someone refers to your race, do you prefer to be referred to as black, African-American, or some other term?

Black	5	[156]
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African-American	2
..	5
Some other term	8
..	
Not sure	8

Prefer Black

I am black, that is my color.....19%

Prefer it.....10

I am used to the term "black".... 7

Prefer African-American

That is my heritage, my ancestors are from

Africa10%

Don't know; not sure 4

F10d. Among the people you know, has there been

much debate over this question of referring to blacks as African-Americans, or not?

Yes, there has been much debate	2	[161]
..	7	
No, there has not been much	7	
debate	0	
Not sure	3	

(ASK EVERYONE.)

F11. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000	8	[162]
..		
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000 .	1	
...	5	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000 .	1	
...	9	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000 .	1	
...	5	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000 .	1	
...	4	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000 .	1	
...	3	
More than	9	
\$75,000		
Not sure/refused.	7	
.		

F12. This survey is being conducted as part of continuing coverage of national issues by NBC News and *The Wall Street Journal*. A few reporters assigned to this story will be calling back a selected number of participants to get additional insights. Would you have any objection to being contacted?

Do not object	8	[163]
.	5	
Object--do not call	1	
.	5	

May we please have your name and the town you live in for validation purposes?

RESPONDENT'S NAME:

Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss _____
(circle one)

Town: _____

RECORD THE FOLLOWING--DO NOT ASK!

TELEPHONE #: _____
(Area Code)

Length of Interview:

10 minutes or less	-	[164]
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11 to 15 minutes	2	
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16 to 20 minutes	1	
.	5	
21 to 25 minutes	3	
.	0	
26 to 30 minutes	3	
.	0	
31 to 35 minutes	1	
.	2	
More than 35 minutes	1	
.	1	

Call Attempt:

First call	8	[165]
.	3	
Second	1	
call	3	
Third	4	
call		

Interview began: : a.m. p.m. Interview ended: : a.m. p.m.
(circle) (circle)

THIS IS A BONA FIDE INTERVIEW AND HAS BEEN OBTAINED
ACCORDING TO MY AGREEMENT WITH HART-TEETER

Interviewer's _____ Name _____ (PLEASE
SIGN): ~~~~~

Validated
By: ~~~~~ Date: ~~~~~
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